Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the original claim set with the following replacement claim set.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for restricting the installation of a software product onto a local machine, the method comprising the steps of:

generating an installer identifier based on the software product, in response to a request to install the software product on the local machine;

comparing the generated installer identifier to a stored installer identifier;

storing a license file on the local machine in response to a match between the generated installer identifier and the stored installer identifier; and

enabling a complete installation of the software product on the local machine, in response to a the match between the generated installer identifier and the stored installer identifier;

whereby the license file can be subsequently accessed to enable the execution of the completely installed software product on the local machine.

2. (Original) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the generated installer identifier represents a characteristic of the software product.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the generated installer identifier represents a characteristic of a software product media on which the software product is stored.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein the generated installer identifier represents a characteristic of a file list corresponding to the software product media.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the generated installer identifier is a hash value representing the characteristic of the file list corresponding to the software product media.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving a software product key.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, further comprising the step of installing <u>on the local machine</u> at least one run-time file associated with the software product, in response to a determination that the received software product key is a correct software product key.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of executing a set-up program.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the license file is stored in a hardware signature file <u>on the local machine</u>.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for restricting the installation and execution <u>on a local machine</u> of a software product, the method comprising the steps of:

generating an installer identifier <u>in response to a request to install the software product on the local machine</u>;

comparing the generated installer identifier to a stored installer identifier;

storing a license file <u>on the local machine</u> in response to a match between the generated installer identifier and the stored installer identifier;

enabling a complete installation of the software product <u>on the local machine</u>, in response to a match between the generated installer identifier and stored installer identifier; and

enabling the execution of the software product <u>on the local machine</u>, in response to a determination that a proper license file has been stored.

12. (Original) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 11.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein the generated installer identifier represents a characteristic of the software product.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein the generated installer identifier represents a characteristic of a software product media on which the software product is stored.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the generated installer identifier represents a characteristic of a file list corresponding to the software product media.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein the generated installer identifier is a hash value representing the characteristic of the file list corresponding to the software product media.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 11, further comprising the step of receiving a software product key.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 17, further comprising the step of installing on the local machine at least one run-time file associated with the software product, in response to a determination that the received software product key is a correct software product key.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, wherein the determination that the proper license file has been stored comprises determining that the

stored license file matches a second license in a hardware signature file <u>on the local machine</u>.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for restricting the installation of a software product, comprising:

at least one run-time file for executing the software product; and

a set-up program operative to generate an installer identifier representing a characteristic of a software product media containing the software product and further operative to compare the generated installer identifier to a stored installer identifier <u>on the software product</u>;

wherein the set-up program will enable the installation of the at least one run-time file <u>on a local machine</u> in response to a determination that the generated installer identifier matches the stored installer identifier.